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Caution:

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Installation of this device should be accomplished only by a qualified wireless LAN system installer who is:

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- . Knowledgeable of each system component’s equipment User and Installation Guide.
- . Knowledgeable of the installation and configuration procedures for the site’s network infrastructure system and wiring.
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Chapter 1 Getting to Know Your A-6000

This chapter introduces the main features and applications of the A-6000.

1.1 Introduction to the A-6000

The ZyXEL A-6000 is a Wireless Bridge for Inter-building Point to Point Ethernet connection. With enhanced wireless security feature, A-6000 is a Point to Point solution in the world today. By supporting AES/TKIP, A-6000 is particularly suited for financial banks, businesses and government agencies to deploy wireless networks for most sensitive data transmission. System privacy is inherent through the MAC & 802.1x based mutual authentication functionality by preventing unauthorized intrusion to the radio link. A-6000 has been design to minimize the RF cable loss for outdoor application, thus it shows outstanding performance in the longer communication distance. Supplying the power and Ethernet connectivity concurrently via a single Ethernet cable, the power over Ethernet (POE) technology makes quick outdoor installation. The optional antenna alignment kit, showing Relative Signal Strength Index (RSSI) and Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR), is uniquely designed to aid easy antenna alignment while operating in the point to point connection. A-6000 achieves rapid Return On Investment (ROI) for inter-building connection compared to T1 leased line with high capacity and high data throughput.
There are some special requirements for the product installation:
1. The A-6000 can only be installed by a licensed installer; training and access to technical requirements will be provided through the user guide and through training done by the business partnership agreements with respective customers.
2. The installation will be done in a controlled and licensed environment; and filing of the appropriate documentation as required by local law.
3. Installation requires special training (special programming, access to keypad, field strength measurements made) by ZyXEL of the installation and maintenance teams of the ZyXEL licensed service providers and operators.
4. ZyXEL licensed service providers will be required to have their installation teams trained to do installation of the A-6000 and antennas on high sited areas in order to meet the performance and regulatory requirements. This will require professional installation; the installation of the A-6000 must be controlled and installed by licensed professionals. Specially designed antennas and mounting procedures will be required and professional installation needed to ensure the equipment works reliably and compatibly with the complete ZyXEL infrastructure.
5. An intentional radiator shall be designed to ensure that no antenna other than that furnished by the ZyXEL . or its customer shall be used with the A-6000 . The use of a permanently attached antenna or of an antenna that uses a unique coupling to the intentional radiator shall be considered sufficient to comply. If the unit becomes broken, the antenna can be replaced by the user, but the use of a standard antenna jack or electrical connector is prohibited. Further, this requirement does not apply to intentional radiators that must be professionally installed, such as perimeter protection systems and some field disturbance sensors, or to other intentional radiators which must be measured at the installation site. However, the installer shall be responsible for ensuring that the proper antenna is employed so that the limits in this part are not exceeded.
6. This standard antenna may be used in a point-to-point application, and possibly may require a tower mount and/or directional antenna. Such use would be applicable in the following uses: data and control signal transmitter located in oil fields; transmitters mounted on trains and train stations; pole-mounted police and/or emergency vehicles.
7. Permanent attachment of the A-6000 can be achieved by various means such as factory application of a permanent cement or epoxy to a standard antenna connector. The A-6000 will specify the certification application type of adhesive to be used and must confirm that the adhesive will be applied at the factory – prior to shipment.
8. The installer must ensure that the A-6000 and antenna is properly installed so as not to exceed the limits for which it has been designed.
9. Compliance is required for special waterproofing procedures, insulation against lightening and other weather conditions.
10. Also requires special mounting brackets for instillation in professional environments.
11. Licensees will be recruited primarily from existing service providers and manufacturers that are already successful in Internet, paging, or mobile phone service industries.
12. ZyXEL. will provide products and services through service providers, its main sales strategies will be to empower service providers and to provide on-going service and support to service providers. Service providers will focus on local markets and offer flexible services to niche markets.
13. Multiple service providers can be started with a relatively low cost of entry. ZyXEL. will
provide licensing companies already in the service industry (such as Internet, paging, or mobile telephone service companies), it will be possible to qualify and license service provides in a short space of time.

14. ZyXEL will provide all starter ingredients (such as prototypes) on a discounted basis to Widenet service providers for smooth transition and integration into existing client bases, authorization, and billing.
15. All equipment will be sold only to ZyXEL qualified network operators that will be purchasing the equipment as a part of an infrastructure to provide services. The intended use and design of the A-6000 is for use by utility companies, large telecom corporations to build out or compliment their current infrastructure for radio frequency and telecommunications signaling.

1.2 A-6000 product types

A-6000 is current designed to be configured only for the point-to-point operation mode, one basestation unit (BU) and one remote unit (RU) are needed. Point-to-two-points feature will be available in the near future. When operated in the point-to-two-points mode, one BU and two RUs are needed.

1.3 Physical Features of the A-6000

The A-6000 is used for long-range wireless outdoor application. A-6000 equips with a robust outdoor weather-proof housing. The key physical features are listed below:

- Outdoor-mounted design minimizes RF cable loss connecting to antenna and thus has outstanding performance in the longer communication distance.
- Power Over Ethernet (POE) connection & special antenna alignment kit provide fast installation and easy operation.

1.4 Non-physical Features of the A-6000

- **Full Network Management**

Most functions of the A-6000 are also software configurable via the WEB interface. The WEB interface is a software that you can access from a PC through the WEB browser.

- **Event Logging**

Built-in message logging for troubleshooting information.

- **Upgrade A-6000 Firmware via WEB**

The firmware of the A-6000 can be upgraded via the WEB.

1.5 Benefits of the A-6000

- AES/TKIP protect sensitive data transmission on air.
- MAC & 802.1x based mutual link authentication enhance system privacy
- Outdoor-mounted design minimizes RF cable loss connecting to antenna and thus has outstanding performance in longer communication distance
- High data throughput achieves rapid return on investment for inter-building connection compared to T1 leased line.
- Graded AES/TKIP security level through WEB server offers easy configuration and usage.
- Power over Ethernet (POE) connection & special antenna alignment kit provide fast installation and easy operation

1.6 Applications of the A-6000

With A-6000 Secure Wireless Point to Point Solution, you can extend and enhance your network virtually overnight without natural or man-made barriers to overcome. Easy installation, operation, guaranteed security and outstanding performance in communication distance allow you to quickly provide secure wireless inter-building connection and make A-6000 the ideal solution for:

- Internet Service Provider, Cable Operators and Telco to build up inter-building wireless backhaul connection to the point of presence (POP) without paying higher cost and fee for T1 leased line.
- Use in the following applications:
  - Financial banks and brokerage houses sensitive data transmission
  - Government agencies data connection among buildings
  - Central office to branch office(s) connection
  - Education schools and Universities inter-building connection
  - Business companies with multiple dwelling buildings connection
  - Medical hospitals and clinics wireless connection
  - Remote wireless monitoring

1.7 Specifications of the A-6000

Table 1-1 lists the specification of the A-6000.

Table 1-1 Specification of A-6000

System topology	
Point to point (PTP)	1 basestation unit (BU), 1 remote unit (RU)
Radio	
Frequency range	A-6000:4.9-5.850GHz
RF modulation	OFDM with BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM
Channel Bandwidth	A-6000: 20 MHz
Transmit power	0 ~ 20dBm (typical)
Receive sensitivity (PER 8%)	-67 dBm @ 108 Mbps -70 dBm @ 54 Mbps -73 dBm @ 48 Mbps -80 dBm @ 36 Mbps -83 dBm @ 24 Mbps -86 dBm @ 18 Mbps -88 dBm @ 12 Mbps -89 dBm @ 9Mbps -90dBm @ 6 Mbps
Antenna alignment	Built-in diagnostics utility, optional external tool kit through console cable
Networking Features	
Operation mode	Bridge mode (PTP)
Media access control	CSMA/CA
Network protocols	IP, UDP, TCP, ICMP, ARP, IGMP
SECURITY	

System privacy protection	SSID, MAC access control, 802.1x based mutual authentication
Wireless data encryption and authentication	AES/TKIP
CONFIG. AND MANAGEMENT	
Management and setup	Web/Telnet based management interface
Local console management	System configuration & access control with password protection
Software upgrade	WEB GUI
Mechanical & Operating Features	
Dimension	250(H) × 198(W) × 75(D) mm (not including antenna)
Weight	2050 gm
Operating temperature	-30°C ~ +60°C
Relative humidity	0~ 95% (non-condensing)
Physical interfaces	
Antenna connection	N male RF connector
Network & power connection	8-pin female connector with special water proof
Alignment kit connection	8-pin male connector with special water proof
Antenna connection cable	LMR400 2m, N female/male connectors with special water proof
Alignment kit cable	DB-9 female/8-pin female connectors with special water proof, 2m
Grounding cable	Electric wire with shielded cover, 3m
Electrical Features	
Power consumption (maximum)	15.0 W maximum @ 15 VDC
Network/Power injector	
Power adaptor	INPUT:100~240VAC, 50~60 Hz,OUTPUT:15V DC
Dimension	181mm(W) X 128mm(L) X 36mm(H)
Connectors	PWR (jack), TO LAN (RJ45), TO RADIO (RJ45)
LEDs	PWR,SYS,RSSI,SNR,LAN
Cat. 5 cable	RJ-45/ 8-pin male connectors with special water proof
Cat. 5 cable length	default :20m, optional: 50m/90m
Regulatory Approvals	
Electromagnetic emission	FCC Part 15.247 FCC Part 15.407 EN 301 893 EN 300 328-2 EN 301 489-17 VNS 2107
Safety approval	CAN/CSA-C22.2 No 60950, ANSI/UL No.60950, EN 60950, IEC 60950
Installation	
Mast mount kit	Stainless steel for 40~50 mm diameter mast, outdoor
Optional Accessories	
Lightning arrestor	200W power rating
22 dBi flat panel antenna	338 x 338 mm
Antenna alignment kit	
Connector	TO RADIO (DB-9 male)
Display	RSSI, SNR
Dimension	95.5 x 59.6 x 26 mm

Chapter 2 Hardware Installation

This chapter explains the physical ports and how to connect the hardware of A-6000.

2.1 Hardware Description

The content of the A-6000 are described below.

1. The outdoor unit

The outdoor unit has one antenna port, one data/power port and one console port. The antenna port is N-Type female connector used to connect to the omni-directional antenna or to the RF cable then to the flat panel antenna. The data/power port is used to link to the cable from the power injector. When the outdoor unit and the network/power injector are connected together, the outdoor unit is turned on and initialized if the network/power injector in the indoor is also installed successfully. The console port is only used at the initial setup and is used to connect to the antenna alignment kit. The outward appearance of the outdoor unit are shown on Fig.2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

Figure 2-1 **Front view of A-6000**

Figure 2-2 **Bottom view of A-6000**

The physical interfaces on the bottom of A-6000 is the POE (Power over Ethernet) and RS-232 port. Both connectors are special designed for water-proof. Table 2-1 describes the function of those connectors

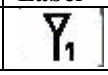
Table 2-1 Connectors of bottom

Function	Label	Interface	Description
Signal & Power		8-pin female connector with special water proof	Connecting to the indoor interface unit supplying the power and signal
Antenna alignment		8-pin male connector with special water proof	Connecting to AK-100 for antenna alignment

Figure 2-3 **Top view of A-6000**

The major interfaces on top of A-6000 is the RF antenna connector with special design for water proof. Table 2-2 describes the antenna connector.

Table 2-2 Antenna connector of the top

Function	Label	Interface	Description
Antenna		N male RF connector with special water proof	Connecting to the outdoor antenna

2. Antenna

The antenna used for point to point systems is 22 dBi flat panel antenna.

Figure 2-4 **Back view of Flat Panel Antenna**

Figure 2-5 **Front view of flat panel antenna**

Besides the antenna types mentioned above, the 22 dBi grid antenna is also available which could be used for longer distance communication for those areas without regulation limitation.

3. RF cable

The RF cable is used to connect the outdoor unit and the flat panel antenna. HDF 400 type RF cable with 2m length is provided. The appearance of the RF cable is shown below.

Figure 2-6 **HDF 400 RF cable**

4. RS-232 cable

The RS-232 cable is used to connect the outdoor unit and the antenna alignment kit. The appearance of the RS-232 cable is shown below.

Figure 2-7 **RS-232 console cable**

5. Cat-5 cable with special connector

The Cat-5 cable with special connector has 20m in length. It is used to provide the path to deliver power for the outdoor unit and the data communication. The optional cable length of 50m, and 90m are also available for specified application. The appearance is shown below.

Figure 2-8 **Category 5 cable**

6. Grounding wire

The grounding wire is used to provide the grounding path for the outdoor unit to minimize the impact of lightening and surge. The physical appearance of the grounding wire is shown below.

Figure 2-9 **Grounding wire**

7. Mounting bracket

The mounting kit is used to provide a good support for the outdoor unit and the flat panel antenna. Please follow the installation procedure to mount the outdoor unit and the flat panel antenna. The contents of the mounting kit are shown below.

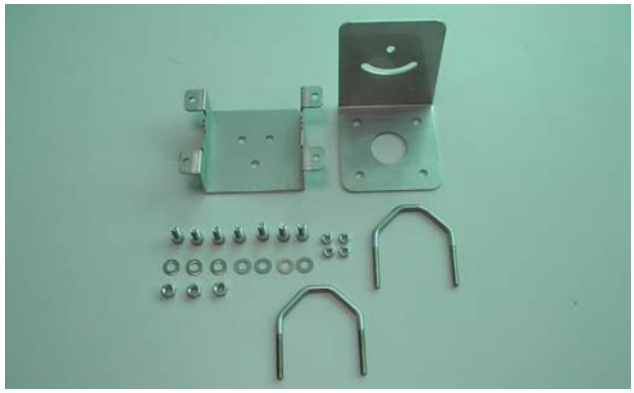


Figure 2-10 The Mounting kit

8. Network/Power Injector

The network /power injector is used to combine the data stream and power into one cable. It has three ports. The port named *POWER* is for 15V power from the switching power adapter. The port named *TO LAN* is connected the customer premises equipment (CPE) by Cat-5 cable. The port named *TO RADIO* is connected to the outdoor unit by the cable described in item 5.

The appearance of the network/power injector is shown below.

Figure 2-10 **Network/Power Injector**

9. Antenna Alignment Kit

Two flat panel antennas of the A-6000 should be well aligned before the normal operation. If the antenna alignment is not well done, the received signal strength will be small and the link quality will be not good enough to support high-speed data communication. The antenna alignment kit is connected to the outdoor unit through the RS-232 cable. You should modify the vertical and horizontal angle of the panel antenna according to the signal strength indicated on the AK-100. The outward appearance of the antenna alignment is shown below.

Figure 2-11 **Antenna Alignment Kit (AK-100)**

10. CAT-5 Straight-through Ethernet cable

The CAT-5 STP cable is 2m in length. This cable is used to connect the network/power injector and the CPE. The picture of this cable is shown below.

Figure 2-12 **Ethernet Cable**

11. Switching Power Adapter

The switching power adapter is to supply the power for the outdoor unit. The input to this adapter is 100~240VAC and the output is 15VDC. The picture is shown below.

Figure 2-13 **Switching Power Adaptor**

2.2 Hardware Installation

1. A-6000 Physical Connection

The physical cable connection of the A-6000 is shown in the following pictures.

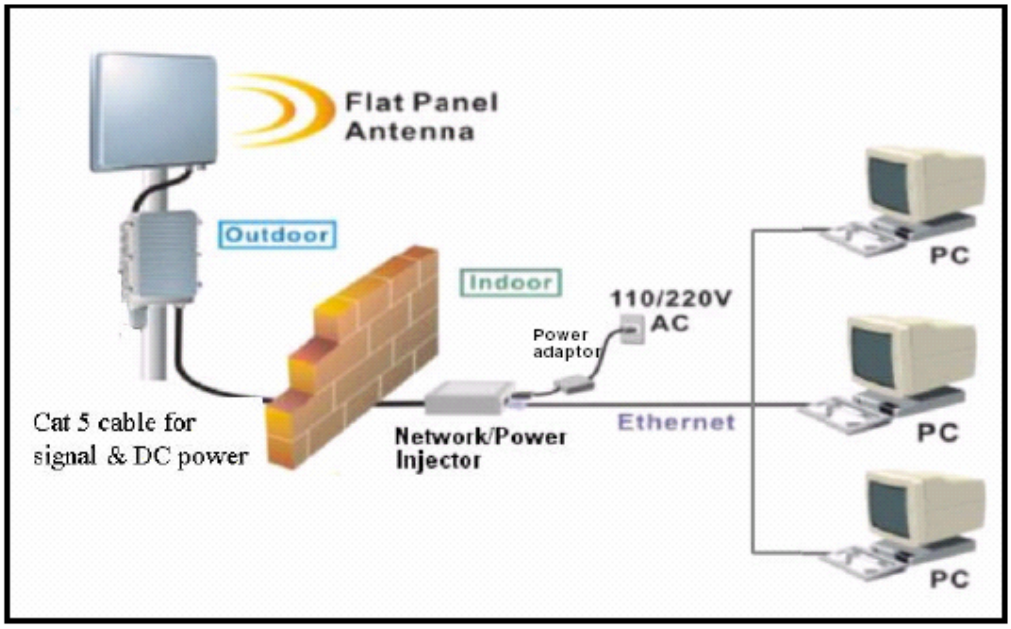


Figure 2-14 **Physical Installation of A-6000 with flat panel antenna**

2. Installation of outdoor unit

The installation procedures of A-6000 is described as below:

(1) Choose an appropriate place for the installation. The path between sites should be clear line-of-sight.

(2) Prepare a mast with a diameter of 40mm~50mm.

(3) Assemble mast mount bracket as shown in the picture below.

Figure 2-15 **Mounting Bracket Assembly**

(4) Attach the mounting bracket and the grounding wire to the back of the outdoor unit as shown in the picture below

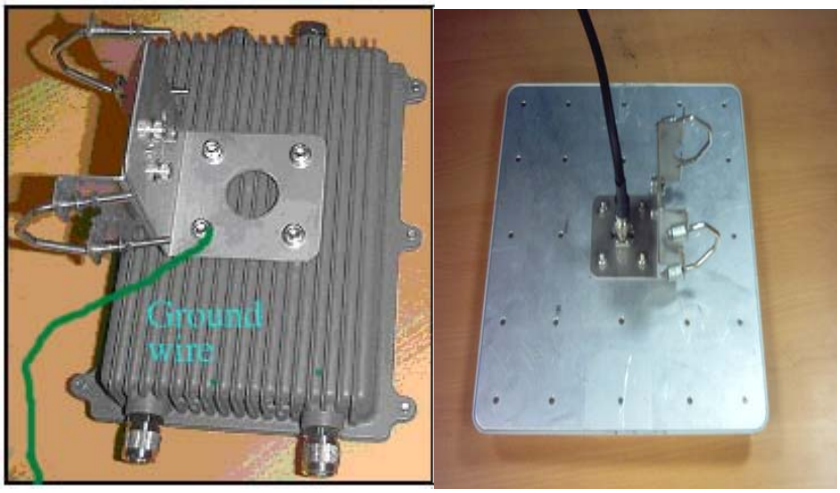


Figure 2-16 **Attach the Mounting Bracket to Outdoor Unit**

(5) Fasten the mounting bracket assembly to install outdoor unit on the mast

Figure 2-17 **Install Outdoor Unit to the Mast**

(6) Connect the antenna to the N-male connector port labeled on the top of outdoor unit. For the directional antenna installation, use the HDF 400 RF coaxial cable. The polarization of antenna for both BU and RU should be the same; otherwise, the installation will fail to communicate. At the same time, you have to point the directional antenna to that of the other unit.

Notice: The antenna must be installed by the professional installer to comply with the safety, electrical and radiation standards. The installer should properly configure the output power of transceiver according to related country regulation requirement and per antenna type.

Figure 2-18 **Install Antenna to the Outdoor Unit**

Attach the end of 8-pin male connector of category-5 cable to the 8-pin female connector port labeled on the bottom of outdoor unit. Then, the outdoor unit installation is completed.

Figure 2-19 **Connect Cat-5 cable to the outdoor unit**

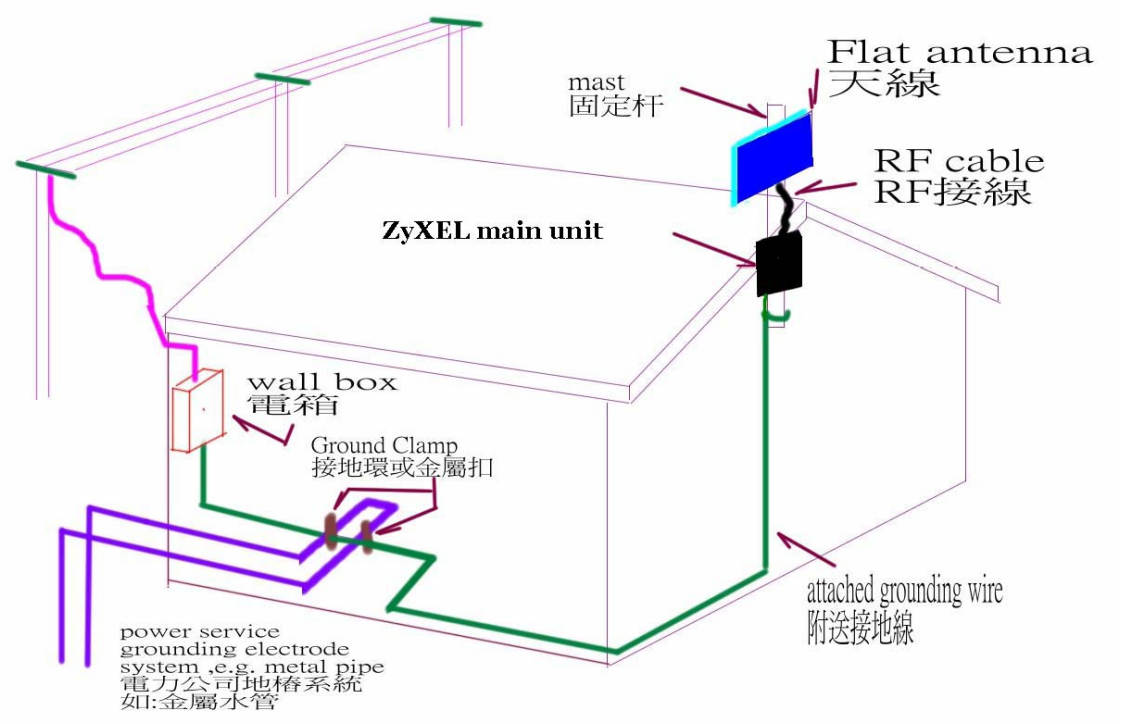


Figure 2-20 **Connect Grounding wire to the outdoor unit**

2.3 Indoor Unit Installation

After the outdoor unit installation is completed, you may follow the procedures below to install the indoor unit.

1. Choose an appropriate place for the network/power injector. You might hang it on the wall or just place it on the desk. Connect the other end of category-5 cable to the "**TO RADIO"** RJ-45 connector of network/power injector.
2. Connect one end of Ethernet cable to the "TO LAN" RJ-45 port of the network/power injector. Connect the other end of Ethernet cable to the workstation directly or through a switch/hub/router.
3. Connect the power jack of switching power adaptor to the power port labeled as " POWER" on the network/power injector.

Figure 2-21 **Cable Connections of Network/Power Injector**

2.4 Initializing the A-6000

1. When plugging the switching power adapter into the 110V/220V wall outlet, the LED named **PWR** on the network/power injector will light on.
2. When the power and signal connection to outdoor unit are complete, the **SYS** LED of the network/power injector will light on.

2.5 Antenna Alignment

To maximize the signal quality for A-6000 system , you had better align the directional antennas for both BU and RU. To perform the antenna alignment, you can use AK-100 which will show you the signal strength and link quality on its panel. The system data rate will drop to 6Mbps while using AK-100 to align the A-6000. After the alignment is completed, it is required to reboot both BU and RU for regular data rate recovery. To do the alignment, follow the steps as below:

1. Open the cover of the console port labeled on the bottom of the **remote unit/basestation unit (RU/BU)** and well reserve the cover.
2. Connect the RS-232 cable to this console port.

3. Connect the other end of the RS-232 cable to the antenna alignment kit AK-100. Adjust the horizontal angle of directional antenna to get the maximum reading in the LEVEL and SNR display of AK-100. You may also refer to the SNR and RSSI reading shown in the Wireless Information of the WEB server. Please be noticed that If you align the antenna according to the SNR and RSSI reading from the WEB server, the POE and NoteBook PC should be located near the antenna position. Use an extended power outlet to supply the RU source of POE and after the alignment is completed, put the POE back to the indoor position.

Note: The PWR and ACT LED will be ON when connect the AK-100 to the A-6000.

4. Adjust the vertical angle of directional antenna to get the maximum reading in the LEVEL and SNR display or the SNR and RSSI reading shown in the Wireless Information of the WEB server.
5. Repeat step 3 and step 4 until achieving the best reading index, then remove the antenna alignment kit.

Note: The AK-100 will beep more rapidly while getting better link quality. It beeps continuously after the best link quality is achieved.

6. Put the console port cover back to the console port.

Note: The signal strength should be well aligned on both the Remote unit (RU) and Basestation unit (BU).

2.6 Indoor Interface Unit

The front panel LEDs of indoor interface unit and functionality are listed below:

Function	Naming	Color	Description
Power	**PWR**	Green	ON: The RU power is properly applied to the indoor unit OFF: The power is disconnected or the fuse is blown
System	**SYS**	Green or Red	ON and Green: The link to the outdoor unit is established ON and RED: A serious fault of A-6000 is detected
RSSI L, M, H	**RSSI (L, M ,H)**	Green	ON: The receive signal strength link to remote A-6000 is established OFF: The RF propagation path to remote A-6000 is not ready Note: L is ON: the signal strength is Low L, M are ON: the signal strength is Medium L, M, H are all ON: the signal strength is High
Signal Quality	**SNR**	Green	ON: The PER is less than 8% OFF: The PER is larger than 8%
LAN	**LAN 10M** **LAN 100M**	Green Orange	ON: The LAN 10/100M connection is established Flash: The LAN 10/100M interface is transmitting/receiving OFF: The LAN 10/100M connection is not ready

2.7 System LED Indication

For easily configuring A-6000 system status, we reserve system LED in IDU to indicate whether system run in ok state or in failed state. If system LED is green light, that means system ok; if system LED flash with red/green light, it means system is disconnected; once in red light, it means A-6000 500A with some system errors there. There are some events to lead system LED into red light mode; and events are listed as following:

ODU/IDU connection fails.
END devices Init Fail.
BU init fails.
Memory Allocate Descriptor error.
H/W Allocate Descriptor error.
BU Trap Monitor Task.

2.8 RSSI LED Indication

For easily configuring A-6000 radio status, 3 RSSI LED are designed in IDU to indicate radio RSSI status. The following mapping table explains the meaning of RSSI – "L", "M", and "H" LED signal status.

RSSI (dBm)	L	M	H
<= –65	Off	Off	Off
-65<RSSI<=-60	Flash	Off	Off
-60<RSSI<=-55	On	Off	Off
-55<RSSI<=-50	On	Flash	Off
-50<RSSI<=-45	On	On	Off
-45<RSSI<=-40	On	On	Flash
RSSI>-40	On	On	On

2.9 Alignment Tools

While easily adjusting directional antenna, we design alignment tools to indicate radio signal strong or not. In alignment tools, we use Level to display current RSSI status and design beep in different frequency to represent different SNR value. Following two tables are Alignment Tools Level value mapping with RSSI, and Alignment Tools vs. SNR mapping table, respectively.

Alignment Tools Level vs. RSSI :

RSSI (dBm)	Level
-90	0
…	(RSSI+90)*2
-45	90

Alignment Tools vs. SNR :

Beep Frequency	SNR (dB)
0	SNR< =25
0.975Hz	25<SNR<=30
1.95Hz	30<SNR<=35
3.9Hz	35<SNR<=40
7.8Hz	40<SNR<=45
15.6Hz	45<SNR<=55
31.2Hz	55<SNR<=60
∞	SNR>60

Chapter 3 Initial Setup

This chapter explains how to perform the initial A-6000 setup and gives an overview of WEB menus.

3.1 Network Topology Planning

The A-6000 is designed to build up a secure Inter-building wireless communication system between offices' Ethernet connection. Your A-6000 can be applied for Point to Point (PTP) application. The A-6000 consists of basestation unit (BU) and remote unit (RU). The A-6000 basestation unit can communicate with one A-6000 remote unit for PTP connection on the air. The network topology for PTP wireless connection is shown below.

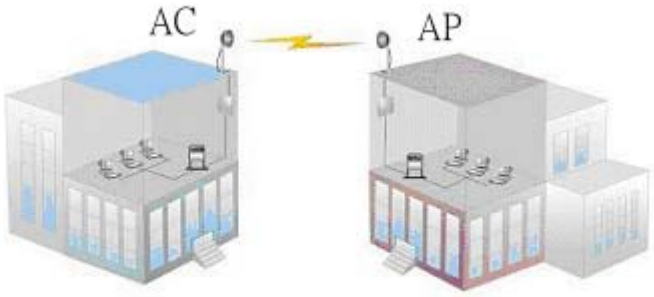


Figure 3-1 **A-6000 Networking Topology**

The networking operation mode of A-6000 is bridge mode. The bridge mode supports only the PTP connection. You have to appropriately configure your A-6000 Basestation unit and Access Client for normal operation according to your network topology and requirements before physical installation.

3.2 Configure A-6000

This guide shows you the default factory configuration of A-6000 and how to configure the A-6000 for appropriate operation at the first time. See the User's Guide for configuration details.

3.2.1. Default Configuration

The A-6000 is shipped with following factory default configurations:

Table 3-1 Default configuration

	BU	RU
LAN IP	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.1
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Wireless ESSID	Wireless	Wireless
Username/Password	admin/1234	admin/1234

Note: before operation please change the RU LAN IP setting to 192.168.1.2 to make a successful telnet or web page access.

3.2.2. Access the A-6000 System WEB Server

There are three tags on left-top of the Web Server System Status window: Status, Configuration and Syslog. Each of the tag contains different functions of the A-6000 management.

Follow these steps to setup the channel frequency and SSID using a web browser:

1. Launch a web browser (Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer are examples of commonly used web browsers).
2. From the HPC, enter the IP address that is assigned to the system as the URL address, for example http://192.168.1.1.
3. A dialog box appears requesting login authorization. When prompted, enter the following information to log in:

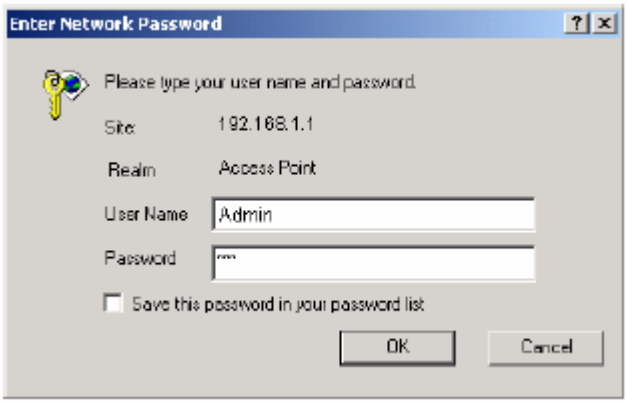


Figure 3-2 **Login authorization**

Log in: **admin** (case-sensitive)
Password: 1234
Click OK to complete the login process.

NOTE: The web browser must support frames and Java script must be enabled.

4. The A-6000 Web Server System Status window appears as below:

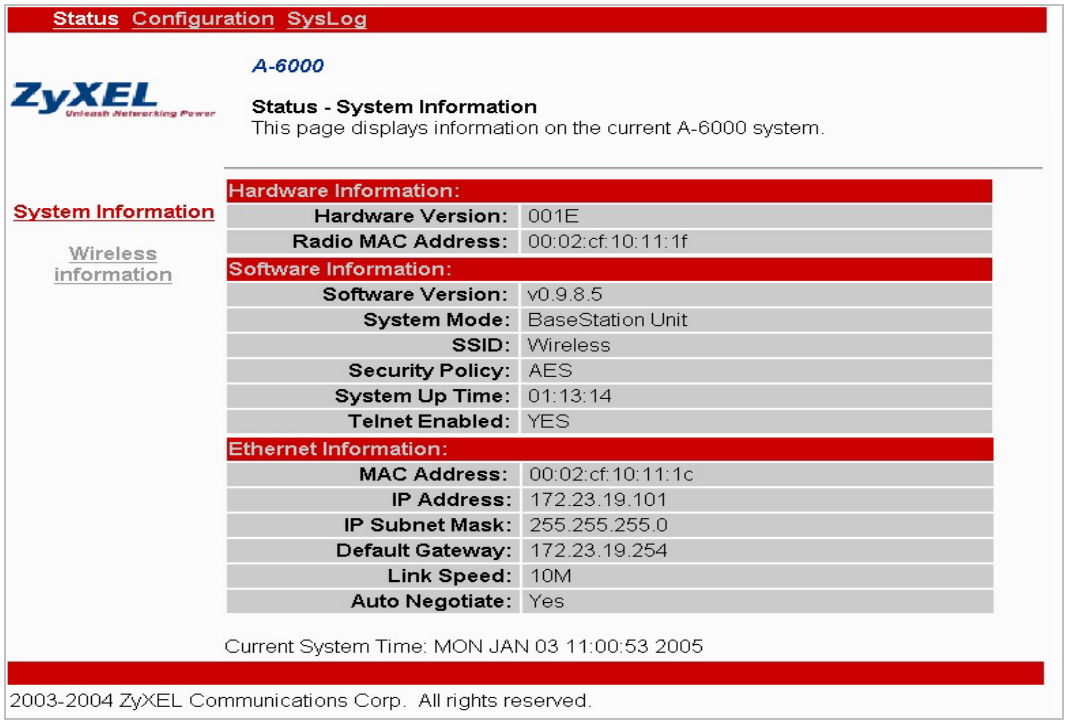


Figure 3-3 **System Status window**

5. Press the Wireless Information, then current Radio Status will be catched.

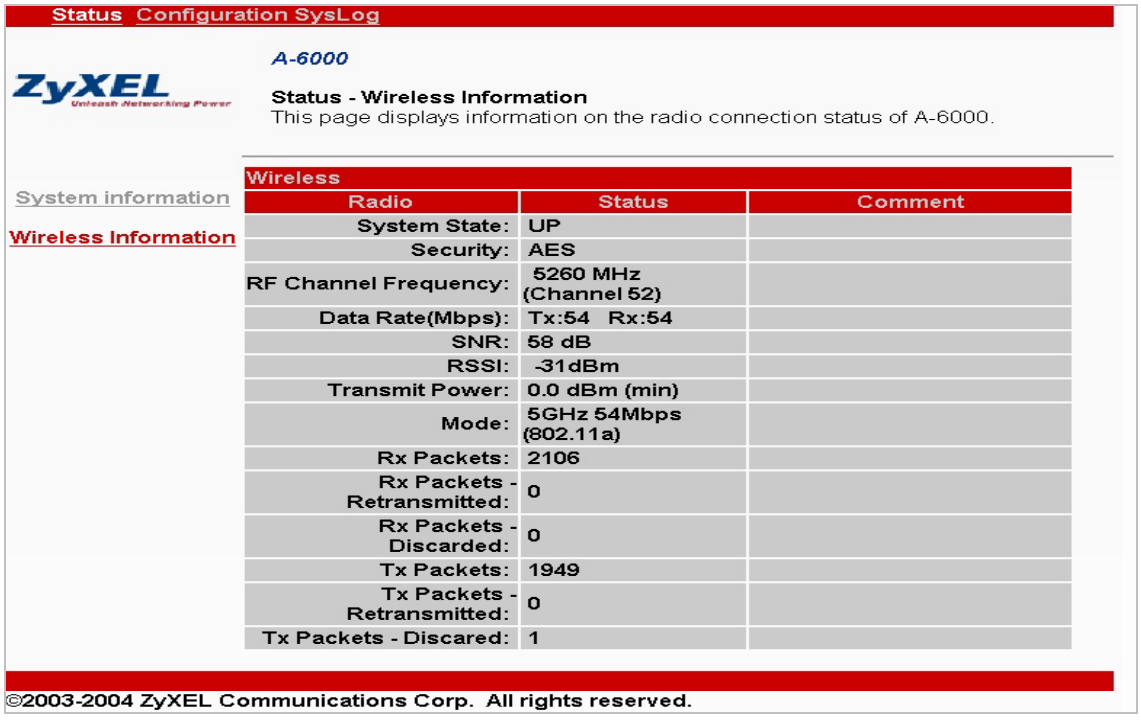


Figure 3-4 **Wireless Information**

3.2.3. System Configuration

The web server windows allow you to setup the configuration information for the BU. The web server provides functions for system setup and firmware updates by clicking the " Configuration" tag on left-top of the WEB window. To access any of these system configuration screens, click on the desired hotlink from the navigation bar in the "Configuration" screen.

3.2.4. Working with Configuration Windows – System Setup

The Web Server configuration windows provide a user-friendly interface to aid in quick configuration of the system. After making any additions or changes to any configuration window, update the configuration file to save the changes. The new configuration is not in effect until the system reboots.

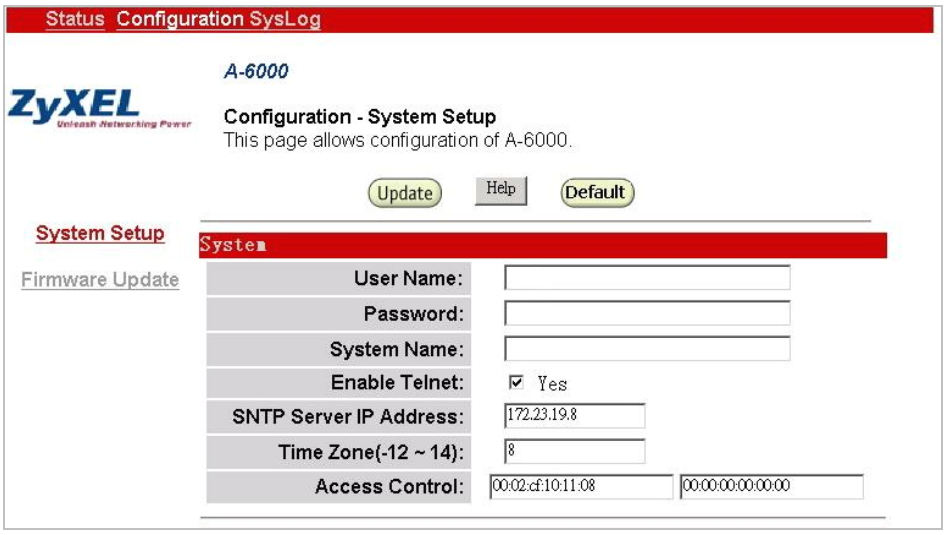


Figure 3-5 **System Setup-configuration update**

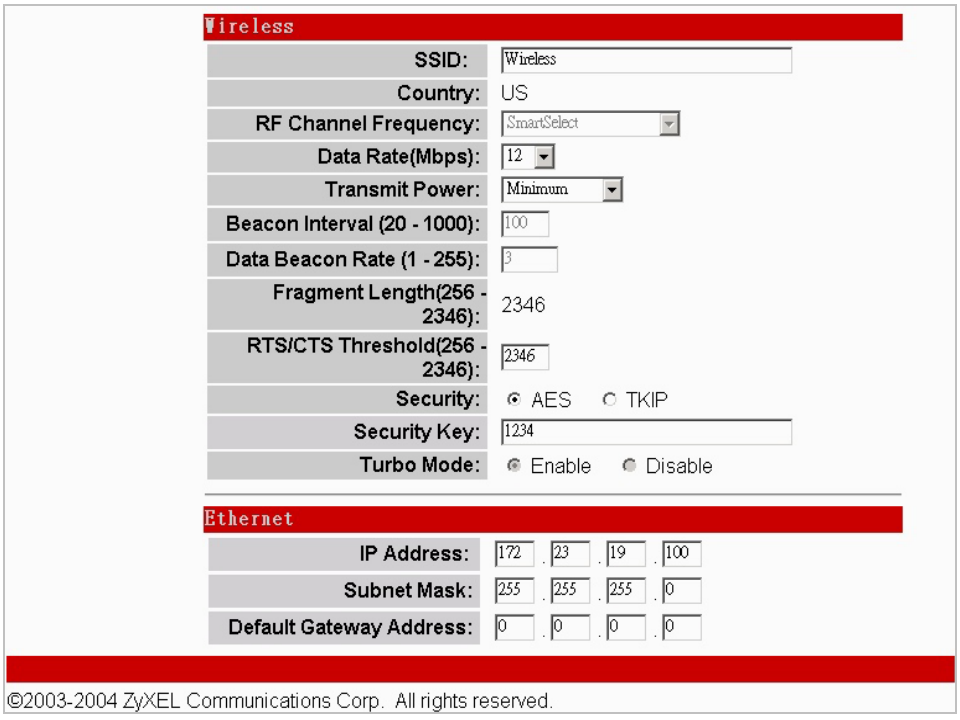


Figure 3-6 **System Setup-Wireless**

To update configuration files:

1. Enter the configuration updates or changes in the appropriate configuration fields.
2. Click Update.

After click Update, there will appear red string alarm to let you press the REBOOT BU to reboot system to make the changes effective.
3. Click Reboot BU to make the changes effective.

The web server loses connectivity with the Web Server as the BU reboots. To reestablish the connection with the Web Server, wait until the BU has completed rebooting and navigate to the Web Server to resume

System Configuration	Description
User Name	Specifies the user name.
Password	Specifies the password.
Telnet Enable	Use the checkbox to allow telneting into the BU.
Access Control	Specifies the RU's MAC address allowed to join.

Wireless Configuration	Description
SSID	Identification of the BU. Enter a number or address between 1 and 32 characters in length that the RU is associating with. Use the System Name field to uniquely identify each BU..
Country	Display country name; it's related to channel frequency base.
RF Channel Frequency	Select the desired frequency of operation from the drop-down menu, or choose SmartSelect. The radio frequencies that appear in the Radio Channel drop-down menu are dependent on the wireless mode selection. Select "SmartSelect" to automatically search through the frequency list to find a used or less congested channel. It only works on AP system. AC will scan the right channel.
Data Rate (Mbps)	Specifies rate of data transmission. Select the desired rate from the drop-down menu. The Best selection will adapt the rate to the best available. Value unit in Mega bit per second
Transmit Power	Specifies the level of transmit power. Choose the value of the transmit power from the dropdown menu. Decrease the transmit power if more than one AP is co-located using the same channel frequency. Maximum transmit power depends on channel frequency. In selected item, 'Full' means maximum transmit power; 'Half' means Full –3dB; 'Quarter' means Full –6dB; 'Eighth' means Full –9dB; and 'Minimum' means 0dB.
Beacon Interval (20 - 1000)	Specifies the beacon interval value. Enter a value between 20 and 1000. It only works on AP system.
Data Beacon Rate (1 - 255)	Specifies the Data Beacon Rate. Enter a value between 1 and 255 that specifies the delivery traffic indication message (DTIM). It only works on AP system.
Fragment Length (2346)	Shows the fragment length.
RTS/CTS Threshold (256 - 2346)	Specifies the value of the RTS/CTS threshold. Enter a value between 256 and 2346.

Security	Specifies the security policy in AES, or TKIP
Security Key	Specifies key setting related to security policy. Maximum length is 64 characters.

Ethernet Configuration	**Description**
LAN IP Address	Specifies the IP address of the BU.
Subnet Mask	Specifies the subnet mask for the BU.
Default Gateway Address	Specifies the default gateway for the BU.

Table 3-2 Descriptions of setting parameters

3.2.5. System Configuration Windows - Software Download

The Firmware Update configuration window allows viewing of the FTP location of new firmware. The default values for the FTP Host Name, User Name, Password, Image Path, Image Name appear in the window. To access the Firmware Update window, click on Update button. The Firmware Update configuration window appears as following.

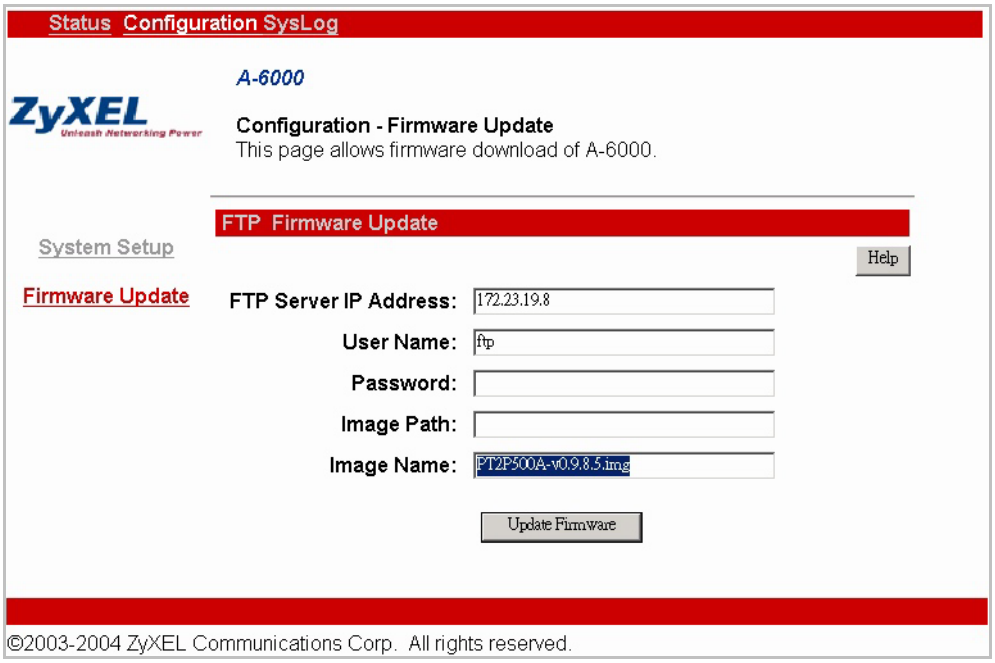


Figure 3-7 **Software Download Windows**

The BU uses the file transfer protocol (FTP) to download the Operating image from the HPC. An FTP server utility is required to perform the data transfer between the BU and HPC.

To enable firmware updates:

1. Enter the host PC's IP address, User Name, Password, Image Path, and Image Name data-entry fields.
2. Click Update Firmware to store the new firmware changes.

Note: The red reminders only appear if you update setting in Configuration/System Setup page.

3.2.6. System Log Windows

The System Log window logs system events for detail descriptions of system status log. This is very useful to track system. It shows important successful states and critical system logs.

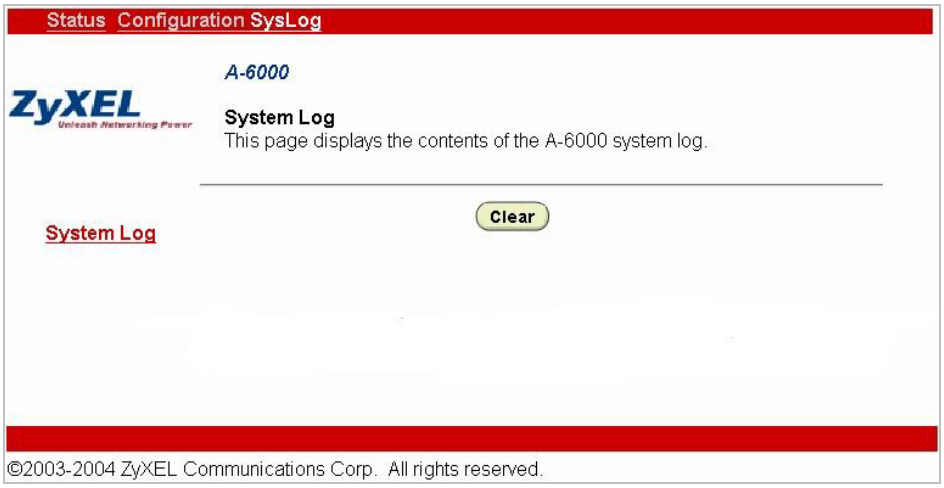


Figure 3-8 **System Log Windows**

Chapter 4 CLI commands

4.1 command list

How to use CLI commands to get or set system information , frequency, and other different parameters, following pages give you detailed information for each command.
Use CLI commands to display the current system configuration, you may also set the system parameters to configure your system. Contents of the CLI commands are listed as below:.

(1) To display/modify the function of auto channel selection
(2) To display system configuration
(3) To display/modify frequency radio channel
(4) To display/modify gateway IP address
(5) To display hardware
(6) To display platform hardware version
(7) To display/modify IP address
(8) To display/modify IP subnet mask
(9) To display security policy
(10) To modify security policy
(11) Security Key Configuration
(12) System Configuration
(13) To display/modify login user name
(14) To modify login password
(15) To display/modify power
(16) To display/modify data rate
(17) To display/modify SNTP Server
(18) To display station status
(19) To display/modify SSID
(20) To display/modify SSID Suppress
(21) To display/modify System Name
(22) To display/modify Telnet
(23) To display/modify Time Zone
(24) To display elapsed time
(25) To display time and date
***(26)* To display software version**

4.2 Details

(1) To display/modify the function of auto channel selection

Use the **get/set autochannelselect** command to get status or set functions of the auto channel selection. Examples are shown as below:

-> get autochannelselect
Auto Channel Select: Enabled

-> set autochannelselect disabled
Auto Channel Select: Disabled

-> set autochannelselect enabled
Auto Channel Select: Enabled

(2) To display system configuration

Use the **get config** command to display the system configuration. For example:
-> get config

(3) To display/modify frequency radio channel

Use the **get/set frequency** command to display or modify the radio channel. For example:
-> get frequency
Radio Frequency: 5250 MHz (IEEE 50)
-> set frequency 5250
Radio Frequency: 5250 MHz (IEEE 50)

(4) To display/modify gateway IP address

Use the **get/set gateway** command to display or modify the gateway IP address.

-> get gateway
Gateway IP Address:
-> set gateway 192.168.0.1
Gateway IP Address: 192.168.0.1

(5) To display hardware

Use the **get hardware** command to display the vendor ID and chip (MAC, PHY and analog) revisions.
-> get hardware
PCI Vendor ID: 0x168c, Device ID: 0x207, Sub Vendor ID: 04, Sub Device ID: 0
WLAN revisions: mac 3.0 phy 2.0 analog 1.6

(6) To display platform hardware version

Use the **get hardware** command to display the vendor ID and chip (MAC, PHY and analog) revisions.
-> get hw_ver
A-6000 System Hardware Platform: 1.00a

(7) To display/modify IP address

Use the **get/set ipaddr** command to display or modify the basestation unit IP address.
-> get ipaddr
IP Address: 192.168.1.20
-> set ipaddr 192.168.1.40
IP Address: 192.168.1.40

(8) To display/modify IP subnet mask

Use the get/set ipmask command to display or modify the basestation unit IP subnet mask.
-> get ipmask
IP Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
-> set ipmask 255.255.0.0
IP Subnet Mask: 255.255.0.0

(9) To display security policy

Use the **set security** command to view or modify the authentication type.
wlan0 -> get security
Security Policy: AES.
wlan0 -> set security TKIP
Security Policy: TKIP

(10) To modify security policy

Use the **set security** command to view or modify the authentication type.
wlan0 -> set security AES
Security Policy: AES.
wlan0 -> set security TKIP
Security Policy: TKIP

(11) Security Key Configuration

Sets the PSK passphrase. Hit return at the old passphrase prompt and enter the new passphrase. Maximum is 63 characters. For examples:
-> set passphrase
Old PassPhrase: 12345678

(12) System Configuration

Following table lists the steps to configure the system. Remember to reboot the system to make configuration works.

Command	Description
set factory	Sets the BU to factory defaults.
set ipaddr <*IP Address*>	Sets the IP address of the BU ethernet interface

set ipmask 255.0.0.0	Sets the subnet mask for the BU ethernet interface
set autochannel disable	Disables autochannel selection. (optional)
set channel <*channel number*>	Selects a channel. This command is only needed if autochannel selection is disabled. (optional)
set ssid <*desired SSID*>	Sets the desired SSID.
set system <*System Name*>	Sets the desired system name. (optional)
set passphrase	Sets the PSK passphrase
set security AES	Enables encryption on the system.
reboot	Reboots the BU for the configuration to take effect.

Display/Modify Key Entry Method
Use the **get/set keyentrymethod** command to display or modify the method of entering encryption keys; either ASCII or hexadecimal.
-> get keyentrymethod
Key Entry Method: ASCII text
-> set keyentrymethod hex
Key Entry Method: Hexadecimal - Keys 0-9, A-F
-> set keyentrymethod ascii - All keyboard characters supported
Key Entry Method: ASCII text

(13) To display/modify login user name

Use the **get/set login** command to display or modify the login user name. The login user name is a text string of up to 32 characters long. Control characters are not permitted.
-> get login
Login Username:
-> set login Foobar
Login Username: Foobar
-> get login
Login Username: Foobar

(14) To modify login password

Use the **set password** command to modify the login password. Type the new password twice to confirm the use of the new password. The password is a text string of up to 32 characters long. Control characters are not permitted.
-> set password
Password: *****
Type password again to confirm: *****
Password confirmed

(15) To display/modify power

Use the **get/set power** command set or modify the transmit power setting. Set the transmit power for full, half (-3 dBm), quarter (-6 dBm), eighth (-9 dBm), or minimum (0 dBm). Use this command to decrease the transmit power, and thereby reducing the range of the radio when more than one BU with the same channel frequency are located close together.
-> get power
Transmit Power: full
-> set power half
Transmit Power: half
-> set power quarter
Transmit Power: quarter
-> set power eighth
Transmit Power: eighth
-> set power min
Transmit Power: min

(16) To display/modify data rate

Use the **get/set rate** command to display or modify the data rate. Select one of the following data rates: 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54, and best, respectively. The first 8 data rates are fixed rates and the last one is a variable rate. When choosing the best rate, the BU attempts to deliver unicast data packets at the highest possible optimum data rate. If there are obstacles or interference, the BU automatically steps down to an optimum data rate that allows for reliable data transmission. In addition, the optimum data rate is adjusted periodically by the BU, based on past performance of the data transmissions at different neighboring data rates.

-> get rate
Data Rate: best
-> set rate 36
Data Rate: 36

(17) To display/modify SNTP Server

Use the **get sntpserver** command to display or modify the SNTP/NTP server IP address.

-> get sntpserver
SNTP/NTP Server IP address:
-> set sntpserver 192.168.1.20
SNTP/NTP Server IP address: 192.168.1.20

(18) To display station status

Use the **get station** command to display station information and status.

-> get station
MacAddr: 00:03:7f:00:00:01, State: associated, AID: 1
Authentication Type: Open System
Encryption: ON, slot 4 shared[1] 40b key: aabbccddee
Power Save Mode: OFF
Rx Data Rate: 36, RxSignalStrength: 46, AckSignalStrength: 45
MSDU Data Mcast Mgmt Ctrl Errors
Rx 70 68 68 2 0 0
Tx 227 225 0 2 0 0

(19) To display/modify SSID

Use the **get/set ssid** command to display or modify the SSID. The SSID is a text string of up to 32 characters in length. Control characters are not allowed.

-> get ssid
SSID: ZyXEL 802.11a Wireless Network
-> set ssid Internet Cafe Access Point
SSID: Internet Cafe Access Point

(20) To display/modify SSID Suppress

Use the **get/set ssidsuppress** command to display or modify the SSID suppress mode. When enable, the SSID in beacons are not transmitted and only STAs with knowledge of an BU's SSID are able to associate with the BU.

-> get ssidsuppress
SSID Suppress Mode: Disabled
-> set ssidsuppress enable
SSID Suppress Mode: Enabled
-> set ssidsuppress disable
SSID Suppress Mode: Disabled

(21) To display/modify System Name

Use the **get/set systemname** command to display or modify the basestation unit system name. The system name is the name of the basestation unit, and is a text string of up to 32 characters in length. Control characters are not allowed.

-> get systemname
System Name:
-> set systemname My BU
System Name: My BU
My BU ->

(22) To display/modify Telnet

Use the **get/set telnet** command to enable or disable telnet access to the BU.

-> get telnet
Telnet Access: Enabled
-> set telnet disable
Telnet Access: Disabled
-> set telnet enable
Telnet Access: Enabled

To display/modify Timeout

Use the **get/set timeout** command to display or modify the telnet timeout.

-> get timeout
Telnet Timeout:
-> set timeout
Telnet Timeout:

(23) To display/modify Time Zone

Use the **get/set tzone** command to display or modify the time zone setting.

-> get tzone
SNTP/NTP Time Zone
-> set tzone

(24) To display elapsed time

Use the **get uptime** command to To display the elapsed time the BU has been up and running.

-> get uptime
BU Uptime -- Day 0, 15:32:29

(25) To display time and date

Use the **timeofday** command to to display the current time and date.. This command allows the BU to use the SNTP protocol to get the current time from the SNTP/NTP server. First set up the IP address of the SNTP/NTP server before using this command. If no time zone is defined, the GMT time is returned else local time for the specified time zone is returned. Use "set tzone" to set the local time zone. For example, use "set tzone –8" to set the time zone for the west coast. Once time zone is defined, the adjusted daylight saving local time of the time zone is returned. The daylight saving time applies only to the United States.

-> time
SNTP/NTP Server is not configured.
Use "set sntpServer" to configure the SNTP server IP Address
-> set sntpserver 129.6.15.28
SNTP/NTP Server IP Address: 129.6.15.28
SNTP/NTP Server returns GMT time. Use "set tzone" to set up your local time zone
-> get sntpserver
SNTP/NTP Server IP Address: 129.6.15.28
-> time
THU FEB 23 01:55:35 2003 GMT
-> set tzone -8
SNTP/NTP Time Zone: -8
-> time
WED FEB 22 17:55:57 2003

(26) To display software version

Use the **version** command to To display the version number of the current software.

-> version
version:0.9.0.1
Feb 19 2003 00:15:45

Chapter 5 Glossary of Terms

10BaseT	The 10-Mbps baseband Ethernet specification that uses two pairs of twisted-pair cabling (Category 3 or 5): one pair for transmitting data and the other for receiving data.
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol is a protocol for mapping an Internet Protocol address (IP address) to a physical machine address that is recognized in the local network.
Authenticity	Proof that the information came from the person or location that reportedly sent it. One example of authenticating software is through digital signatures.
Back Door	A deliberately planned security breach in a program. Back doors allow special access to a computer or program. Sometimes back doors can be exploited and allow a cracker unauthorized access to data.
Backbone	A high-speed line or series of connections that forms a major pathway within a network.
BackOrifice	BackOrifice is a remote administration tool which allows a user to control a computer across a TCP/IP connection using a simple console or GUI application. BackOrifice is a potentially disastrous Trojan horse since it can provide the user unlimited access to a system.
Bandwidth	This is the capacity on a link usually measured in bits-per-second (bps).
Bit	(Binary Digit) -- A single digit number in base-2, in other words, either a 1 or a zero. The smallest unit of computerized data.
Brute Force Hacking	A technique used to find passwords or encryption keys. Force Hacking involves trying every possible combination of letters, numbers, etc. until the code is broken.
Byte	A set of bits that represent a single character. There are 8 bits in a Byte.
Camping Out	Staying in a "safe" place once a hacker has broken into a system. The term can be used with a physical location, electronic reference, or an entry point for future attacks.
Channel	A specific frequency and bandwidth combination. In the present context, it means TV channels for television services and downstream data for cable modems.
CHAP	Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol is an alternative protocol that avoids sending passwords over the wire by using a challenge/response technique.
Cipher Text	Text that has been scrambled or encrypted so that it cannot be read without deciphering it. See Encryption
Client	A software program that is used to contact and obtain data from a Server software program on another computer. Each Client program is designed to work with one or more specific kinds of Server programs, and each Server requires a specific kind of Client. A Web Browser is a specific kind of Client.
Cookie	A string of characters saved by a web browser on the user's hard disk. Many web pages send cookies to track specific user information. Cookies can be used to retain information as the user browses a web site. For example, cookies are used to 'remember' the items a shopper may have in a shopping cart.
Countermeasures	Techniques, programs, or other tools that can protect your computer against threats.
Cracker	Another term for hackers. Generally, the term cracker refers specifically to a person who maliciously attempts to break encryption, software locks, or network security.
Cracker Tools	Programs used to break into computers. Cracker tools are widely distributed on the Internet. They include password crackers, Trojans, viruses, war-dialers, and worms.
Cracking	The act of breaking into computers or cracking encryptions.

Crossover Ethernet cable	A cable that wires a pin to its opposite pin, for example, RX+ is wired to TX+. This cable connects two similar devices, for example, two data terminal equipment (DTE) or data communications equipment (DCE) devices.
Cryptoanalysis	The act of analyzing (or breaking into) secure documents or systems that are protected with encryption.
Decryption	The act of restoring an encrypted file to its original state.
Denial of Service	Act of preventing customers, users, clients or other machines from accessing data on a computer. This is usually accomplished by interrupting or overwhelming the computer with bad or excessive information requests.
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol automatically assigns IP addresses to clients when they log on. DHCP centralizes IP address management on central computers that run the DHCP server program. DHCP leases addresses for a period of time which means that addresses are made available to assign to other systems.
Digital Signature	Digital code that authenticates whomever signed the document or software. Software, messages, Email, and other electronic documents can be signed electronically so that they cannot be altered by anyone else. If someone alters a signed document, the signature is no longer valid. Digital signatures are created when someone generates a hash from a message, then encrypts and sends both the hash and the message to the intended recipient. The recipient decrypts the hash and original message, makes a new hash on the message itself, and compares the new hash with the old one. If the hashes are the same, the recipient knows that the message has not been changed. Also see Public-key encryption.
DNS	Domain Name System. A database of domain names and their IP addresses. DNS is the primary naming system for many distributed networks, including the Internet.
Domain Name	The unique name that identifies an Internet site. Domain Names always have 2 or more parts, separated by dots. The part on the left is the most specific, and the part on the right is the most general.
DRAM	Dynamic RAM that stores information in capacitors that must be refreshed periodically.
DTE	Originally, the DTE (data terminal equipment) meant a dumb terminal or printer, but today it is a computer, or a bridge or router that interconnects local area networks.
EMI	ElectroMagnetic Interference. The interference by electromagnetic signals that can cause reduced data integrity and increased error rates on transmission channels.
Encryption	The act of substituting numbers and characters in a file so that the file is unreadable until it is decrypted. Encryption is usually done using a mathematical formula that determines how the file is decrypted.
Ethernet	A very common method of networking computers in a LAN. There are a number of adaptations to the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standard, including adaptations with data rates of 10 Mbits/sec and 100 Mbits/sec over coaxial cable, twisted-pair cable, and fiber-optic cable. The latest version of Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet, has a data rate of 1 Gbit/sec.
Events	These are network activities. Some activities are direct attacks on your system, while others might be depending on the circumstances. Therefore, any activity, regardless of severity is called an event. An event may or may not be a direct attack on your system.
FCC	The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) is in charge of allocating the electromagnetic spectrum and thus the bandwidth of various communication systems.
Firewall	A hardware or software "wall" that restricts access in and out of a network. Firewalls are most often used to separate an internal LAN or WAN from the Internet.

Flash memory	The nonvolatile storage that can be electrically erased and reprogrammed so that data can be stored, booted, and rewritten as necessary.
FTP	File Transfer Protocol is an Internet file transfer service that operates on the Internet and over TCP/IP networks. FTP is basically a client/server protocol in which a system running the FTP server accepts commands from a system running an FTP client. The service allows users to send commands to the server for uploading and downloading files. FTP is popular on the Internet because it allows for speedy transfer of large files between two systems.
Gateway	A gateway is a computer system or other device that acts as a translator between two systems that do not use the same communication protocols, data formatting structures, languages, and/or architecture.
Hacker	Generally, a hacker is anyone who enjoys experimenting with technology including computers and networks. Not all hackers are criminals breaking into systems. Some are legitimate users and hobbyists. Nevertheless, some are dedicated criminals or vandals.
HDLC	HDLC (High-level Data Link Control) is a bit-oriented (the data is monitored bit by bit), link layer protocol for the transmission of data over synchronous networks.
Host	Any computer on a network that is a repository for services available to other computers on the network. It is quite common to have one host machine provide several services, such as WWW and USENET.
HTTP	Hyper Text Transfer Protocol. The most common protocol used on the Internet. HTTP is the primary protocol used for web sites and web browsers. It is also prone to certain kinds of attacks.
IANA	Internet Assigned Number Authority acts as the clearinghouse to assign and coordinate the use of numerous Internet protocol parameters such as Internet addresses, domain names, protocol numbers, and more. The IANA Web site is at http://www.isi.edu/iana.
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol is a message control and error-reporting protocol between a host server and a gateway to the Internet. ICMP uses Internet Protocol (IP) datagrams, but the messages are processed by the TCP/IP software and are not directly apparent to the application user.
Integrity	Proof that the data is the same as originally intended. Unauthorized software or people have not altered the original information.
internet	(Lower case i) Any time you connect 2 or more networks together, you have an internet.
Internet	(Upper case I) The vast collection of inter-connected networks that all use the TCP/IP protocols and that evolved from the ARPANET of the late 60's and early 70's. The Internet now (July 1995) connects roughly 60,000 independent networks into a vast global internet
Internet Worm	See Worm.
Intranet	A private network inside a company or organization that uses the same kinds of software that you would find on the public Internet, but that is only for internal use.
Intruder	Person or software interested in breaking computer security to access, modify, or damage data. Also see Cracker.
IP	Internet Protocol, is the underlying protocol for routing packets on the Internet and other TCP/IP-based networks.
IPCP (PPP)	IP Control Protocol allows changes to IP parameters such as the IP address.
IPX	Internetwork Packet eXchange The native NetWare internetworking protocol is IPX (Internetwork Packet Exchange). Like IP (Internet Protocol), IPX is an internetworking protocol that provides datagram services.
IRC	Internet Relay Chat. IRC was developed in the late 1980s as a way for multiple users on a system to "chat" over the network. Today IRC is a very popular way to "talk" in real time with other people on the Internet. However, IRC is also one avenue hackers use to get information from you about your system and your company. Moreover, IRC sessions are prone to numerous attacks that while not

	dangerous can cause your system to crash.
ISP	Internet Service Providers provide connections into the Internet for home users and businesses. There are local, regional, national, and global ISPs. You can think of local ISPs as the gatekeepers into the Internet.
LAN	Local Area Network is a shared communication system to which many computers are attached. A LAN, as its name implies, is limited to a local area. This has to do more with the electrical characteristics of the medium than the fact that many early LANs were designed for departments, although the latter accurately describes a LAN as well. LANs have different topologies, the most common being the linear bus and the star configuration.
Linux	A version of the UNIX operating system designed to run on IBM Compatible computers.
Logic Bomb	A virus that only activates itself when certain conditions are met. Logic bombs usually damage files or cause other serious problems when they are activated.
MAC	On a local area network (LAN) or other network, the MAC (Media Access Control) address is your computer's unique hardware number. (On an Ethernet LAN, it's the same as your Ethernet address.) The MAC layer frames data for transmission over the network, then passes the frame to the physical layer interface where it is transmitted as a stream of bits.
Name Resolution	The allocation of an IP address to a host name. See DNS
NAT	Network Address Translation is the translation of an Internet Protocol address used within one network to a different IP address known within another network - see also SUA.
NDIS	Network Driver Interface Specification is a Windows specification for how communication protocol programs (such as TCP/IP) and network device drivers should communicate with each other.
NetBIOS	Network Basic Input / Output System. NetBIOS is an extension of the DOS BIOS that enables a PC to connect to and communicate with a LAN.
Network	Any time you connect 2 or more computers together so that they can share resources, you have a computer network. Connect 2 or more networks together and you have an internet.
NIC	Network Interface Card. A board that provides network communication capabilities to and from a computer system. Also called an adapter.
Node	Any single computer connected to a network
Packet Filter	A filter that scans packets and decides whether to let them through.
PAP	Password Authentication Protocol PAP is a security protocol that requires users to enter a password before accessing a secure system. The user’s name and password are sent over the wire to a server, where they are compared with a database of user account names and passwords. This technique is vulnerable to wiretapping (eavesdropping) because the password can be captured and used by someone to log onto the system.
Password Cracker	A program that uses a dictionary of words, phrases, names, etc. to guess a password.
Password encryption	A system of encrypting electronic files using a single key or password. Anyone who knows the password can decrypt the file.
Password Shadowing	The encrypted password is no visible in the passwd file but stored in a shadow file that is only readable by root. This prevents brute force attacks on the encrypted field to guess the password. see e.g.: http://whatis.com/shadowpa.htm
Penetration	Gaining access to computers or networks by bypassing security programs and passwords.
Phreaking	Breaking into phone or other communication systems. Phreaking sites on the Internet are popular among crackers and other criminals

Ping Attack	An attack that slows down the network until it is unusable. The attacker sends a "ping" command to the network repeatedly to slow it down. See also Denial of Service.
Pirate	Someone who steals or distributes software without paying the legitimate owner for it. This category of computer criminal includes several different types of illegal activities Making copies of software for others to use. Distributing pirated software over the Internet or a Bulletin Board System. Receiving or downloading illegal copies of software in any form.
Pirated Software	Software that has been illegally copied, or that is being used in violation of the software's licensing agreement. Pirated software is often distributed through pirate bulletin boards or on the Internet. In the internet underground it is known as Warez.
Plain Text	The opposite of Cipher Text, Plain Text is readable by anyone.
PNS	PPTP Network Server. A PNS must have IP connectivity.
POP	Post Office Protocol. This is a common protocol used for sending, receiving, and delivering mail messages.
Port	An Internet port refers to a number that is part of a URL, appearing after a colon (:) right after the domain name. Every service on an Internet server listens on a particular port number on that server. Most services have standard port numbers, e.g. Web servers normally listen on port 80.
Port (H/W)	An interface on a computer for connecting peripherals or devices to the computer. A printer port, for example, is an interface that is designed to have a printer connected to it. Ports can be defined by specific hardware (such as a keyboard port) or through software.
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service is the analog telephone service that runs over copper twisted-pair wires and is based on the original Bell telephone system. Twisted-pair wires connect homes and businesses to a neighborhood central office. This is called the local loop. The central office is connected to other central offices and long-distance facilities.
PPP	Point to Point Protocol. PPP encapsulates and transmits IP (Internet Protocol) datagrams over serial point-to-point links. PPP works with other protocols such as IPX (Internetwork Packet Exchange). The protocol is defined in IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) RFC 1661 through 1663. PPP provides router-to-router, host-to-router, and host-to-host connections.
PPTP	Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol.
Promiscuous Packet Capture	Actively capturing packet information from a network. Most computers only collect packets specifically addressed to them. Promiscuous packet capture acquires all network traffic it can regardless of where the packets are addressed.
Protocol	A “language” for communicating on a network. Protocols are sets of standards or rules used to define, format, and transmit data across a network. There are many different protocols used on networks. For example, most web pages are transmitted using the HTTP protocol.
Proxy Server	A server that performs network operations in lieu of other systems on the network. Proxy Servers are most often used as part of a firewall to mask the identity of users inside a corporate network yet still provide access to the Internet. When a user connects to a proxy server, via a web browser or other networked application, he submits commands to the proxy server. The server then submits those same commands to the Internet, yet without revealing any information about the system that originally requested the information. Proxy servers are an ideal way to also have all users on a corporate network channel through one point for all external communications. Proxy servers can be configured to block certain kinds of connections and stop some hacks.
Public Key Encryption	System of encrypting electronic files using a key pair. The key pair contains a public key used during encryption, and a corresponding private key used during decryption.
PVC	Permanent Virtual Circuit. A PVC is a logical point-to-point circuit between customer sites. PVCs are low-delay circuits because routing decisions do not

	need to be made along the way. Permanent means that the circuit is preprogrammed by the carrier as a path through the network. It does not need to be set up or torn down for each session.
Reconnaissance	The finding and observation of potential targets for a cracker to attack.
RFC	An RFC (Request for Comments) is an Internet formal document or standard that is the result of committee drafting and subsequent review by interested parties. Some RFCs are informational in nature. Of those that are intended to become Internet standards, the final version of the RFC becomes the standard and no further comments or changes are permitted. Change can occur, however, through subsequent RFCs.
RIP	Routing Information Protocol is an interior or intra-domain routing protocol that uses the distance-vector routing algorithms. RIP is used on the Internet and is common in the NetWare environment as a method for exchanging routing information between routers.
Router	A device that connects two networks together. Routers monitor, direct, and filter information that passes between these networks. Because of their location, routers are a good place to install traffic or mail filters. Routers are also prone to attacks because they contain a great deal of information about a network.
SAP	In NetWare, the SAP (Service Advertising Protocol) broadcasts information about available services on the network that other network devices can listen to. A server sends out SAP messages every 60 seconds. A server also sends out SAP messages to inform other devices that it is closing down. Workstations use SAP to find services they need on the network.
SATAN	A UNIX program that gathers information on networks and stores it in databases. It is helpful in finding security flaws such as incorrect settings, software bugs and poor policy decisions. It shows network services that are running, the different types of hardware and software on the network, and other information. It was written to help users find security flaws in their network systems.
Server	A computer, or a software package, that provides a specific kind of service to client software running on other computers.
Set-Top Box	A set-top box is a device that enables a television set to become a user interface to the Internet and also enables a television set to receive and decode digital television (DTV) broadcasts.
SNMP	System Network Management Protocol is a popular management protocol defined by the Internet community for TCP/IP networks. It is a communication protocol for collecting information from devices on the network.
Snooping	Passively watching a network for information that could be used to a hacker's advantage, such as passwords. Usually done while Camping Out.
SOCKS	A protocol that handles TCP traffic through proxy servers.
SPAM	Unwanted e-mail, usually in the form of advertisements.
Splitter	Passive devices that divide the traffic on trunk cables and send it down feeder cables.
Spoofing	To forge something, such as an IP address. IP Spoofing is a common way for hackers to hide their location and identity
SSL (Secured Socket Layer)	Technology that allows you to send information that only the server can read. SSL allows servers and browsers to encrypt data as they communicate with each other. This makes it very difficult for third parties to understand the communications.
STP	Twisted-pair cable consists of copper-core wires surrounded by an insulator. Two wires are twisted together to form a pair, and the pair form a balanced circuit. The twisting prevents interference problems. STP (shielded twisted-pair) provides protection against external crosstalk.
Straight through Ethernet cable	A cable that wires a pin to its equivalent pin. This cable connects two dissimilar devices, for example, a data terminal equipment (DTE) device and a data communications equipment (DCE) device. A straight through Ethernet cable is

	the most common cable used.
SUA	Single User Account – The Prestige's SUA (Single User Account) feature allows multiple user Internet access for the cost of a single ISP account - see also NAT.
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol handles flow control and packet recovery and IP providing basic addressing and packet-forwarding services.
Telnet	Telnet is the login and terminal emulation protocol common on the Internet and in UNIX environments. It operates over TCP/IP networks. Its primary function is to allow users to log into remote host systems.
Tempest	Illegal interception of data from computers and video signals.
Terminal	A device that allows you to send commands to a computer somewhere else. At a minimum, this usually means a keyboard and a To display screen and some simple circuitry.
Terminal Software	Software that pretends to be (emulates) a physical terminal and allows you to type commands to a computer somewhere else.
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol is an Internet file transfer protocol similar to FTP (File Transfer Protocol), but it is scaled back in functionality so that it requires fewer resources to run. TFTP uses the UDP (User Datagram Protocol) rather than TCP (Transmission Control Protocol).
Trojan or Trojan Horse	Like the fabled gift to the residents of Troy, a Trojan Horse is an application designed to look innocuous. Yet, when you run the program it installs a virus or memory resident application that can steal passwords, corrupt data, or provide hackers a back door into your computer. Trojan applications are particularly dangerous since they can often run exactly as expected without showing any visible signs of intrusion.
UDP	UDP is a connectionless transport service that dispenses with the reliability services provided by TCP. UDP gives applications a direct interface with IP and the ability to address a particular application process running on a host via a port number without setting up a connection session.
UNIX	A widely used operating system in large networks.
URL	(Uniform Resource Locator) URL is an object on the Internet or an intranet that resides on a host system. Objects include directories and an assortment of file types, including text files, graphics, video, and audio. A URL is the address of an object that is normally typed in the Address field of a Web browser. The URL is basically a pointer to the location of an object.
VPN	Virtual Private Network. These networks use public connections (such as the Internet) to transfer information. That information is usually encrypted for security purposes.
Vulnerability	Point where a system can be attacked.
WAN	Wide Area Network s link geographically dispersed offices in other cities or around the globe. Just about any long-distance communication medium can serve as a WAN link, including switched and permanent telephone circuits, terrestrial radio systems, and satellite systems.
War Dialer	A program that automatically dials phone numbers looking for computers on the other end. They catalog numbers so that hackers can call back and try to break in.
Warez	A term that describes Pirated Software on the Internet. Warez include cracked games or other programs that software pirates distribute on the Internet
Web Configurator	This is a web-based router (not all) configurator that includes an Internet Access Wizard, Advanced.
Wire Tapping	Connecting to a network and monitoring all traffic. Most wire tapping features can only monitor the traffic on their subnet.
Worm	A program that seeks access into other computers. Once a worm penetrates another computer it continues seeking access to other areas. Worms are often equipped with dictionary-based password crackers and other cracker tools that enable them to penetrate more systems. Worms often steal or vandalize computer data.

WWW	(World Wide Web) -- Frequently used when referring to "The Internet", WWW has two major meanings - First, loosely used: the whole constellation of resources that can be accessed using Gopher, FTP, HTTP, telnet, USENET, WAIS and some other tools. Second, the universe of hypertext servers (HTTP servers).